GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Allotment of land for establishment of Vedic Academy and Ayurvedic Wellness Center by Art of Living Foundation, Bangalore at Srisailam on lease basis – Permission accorded – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 328 **Dated: 26-07-2017**

Read:

From the Executive Officer, Srisaila Devasthanam, Srisailam, Lr.in Rc.No.C5/3004/2017, dated 28.3.2017.

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ORDER :

In the reference read above, the Executive Officer, Srisaila Devasthanam, Srisailam has informed that Srisailam is one of the most important temples in Andhra Pradesh. In order to develop Srisailam as a center of Vedic Learning in view of its religious and spiritual significance, the Art of Living Foundation established by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar of Bangalore was contacted. After detailed discussions, the Art of Living Foundation has agreed to set up a Vedic Academy as well as a Ayurvedic Wellness Center at Srilailam. The Executive Officer, Srisaila Devasthanam has therefore requested the Government to accord permission for allotment of land to an extent of 25 acres on 33 years lease, in the location adjacent to the proposed ORR near Mallamma Kanneru.

2. The proposal has been carefully examined by the Government. It is observed that establishment of a Vedic Academy of vital significance to the overall development of Srisailam. It is not a commercial activity. Such Dharmic activities need to be encouraged broadly with a view to promote Sanatana Dharma. Establishment of Ayurvedic Wellness Resort is highly useful as Art of Living Foundation proposes to not only have a treatment center but also establish a Nursery for preparation of Herbal/Ayurvedic medicines etc., for which Srisailam was well known in the past.

3. After careful consideration of the matter, Government hereby allocate 10 acres of land of Srisailam Devasthanam to the Art of Living Foundation, Bangalore on lease basis for establishment of Vedic Academy with the following conditions:-

(a) The lease period shall be 33 years initially, and may be renewed for another 33 years upon satisfactory performance.

(b) The lease rate for the Vedic Academy may be similar as fixed for Mutts, Peetams etc., in Srisailam already, i.e.,@ Rs.1.25 per square yard per year.

(c) The Devasthanam will provide Rs.2,000/- per student per month as stipend for a period of 10 years to the Art of Living Foundation.

4. Government also allocate 10 acres of land of Srisailam Devasthanam to the Art of Living Foundation, Bangalore, on lease basis for establishment

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of Ayurvedic Wellness Center with the following conditions:-

(a) The lease period shall be 33 years initially. It will be considered for renewal for another 33 years upon satisfactory performance.
(b) The lease rate for the Ayurvedic Wellness center is fixed at Rs.2.50 per square yard per year with a provision to enhance by10% every year with a moratorium of 2 years to construct the center.

5. The Executive Officer, Srisailam Devasthanam shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.MANMOHAN SINGH,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENTT

To
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The Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Kurnool.
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